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## **Governor Appoints Director for Volunteer Maryland** ***AmeriCorps/VISTA Alum Brings Program Knowledge to Position***

Governor Martin O'Malley announces the appointment of Maureen Eccleston as Director of Volunteer Maryland. Volunteer Maryland (VM) is an AmeriCorps program of the Governor's Office. VM Coordinators and local Service Sites mobilize approximately 4,000 community volunteers each year to tackle projects that address the environment, education, public safety, homeland security, and human needs across Maryland. Each service site identifies its need for volunteers—number, types of volunteer service, location and frequency of service. VM coordinators are tasked with helping to bring the service site's vision to fruition over the course of a one-year partnership.

Ms. Eccleston joined the staff of Volunteer Maryland in January 2008 as the Project and Resource Manager. In that capacity, she was responsible for overseeing Volunteer Maryland's VISTA project, supporting Volunteer Maryland coordinators, and managing agency financial tracking and reporting. Her history with national and community service began as a member of AmeriCorps\*National Civilian Community Corps in 1999. Since then, she has served as an AmeriCorps\*VISTA member, a Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator with the Florida Alliance for Student Service, a Service-Learning Coordinator with the National Civilian Community Corps and a Program Manager for the national office of Experience Corps in Washington, D.C.

"Maureen's experience as an AmeriCorps alumna, program manager, and service leader makes her uniquely prepared to lead Volunteer Maryland into a new era of service," said Governor O'Malley. "Under her guidance, Volunteer Maryland will expand volunteer opportunities across the state, strengthen nonprofit agencies and better serve the needs of our citizens."

Over the past 10 years, Volunteer Maryland has won \$3.5 million in nationally competitive federal grants, mobilized more than 70,000 community volunteers, and served more than one million Marylanders. VM has infused more than \$25 million in goods, services, and funding into local communities. Since 1992, Volunteer Maryland has partnered with over 450 local Service Sites and graduated 497 AmeriCorps members. Through partnerships, VM has recruited more than 76,000 volunteers and served more than one million Maryland citizens.

Ms Eccleston is a student at the College of Notre Dame's Graduate Nonprofit Management Program and a graduate of York College of Pennsylvania, where she received a Bachelor of Arts with honors in English. Her hometown is Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



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